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"It is no true reverence to follow up old lines without extending them. They give dignity if we know how to develop them; but if we will not step beyond them on vital call, we make trammels for ourselves, and are most unlike those old founders whom we propose to imitate."—ARCHBISHOP BENSON, 1877.

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BISHOP OF NEBRASKA,
THESE PAGES, THE RESULT OF READING BEGUN
AT HIS INSTANCE
AND WRITTEN IN AID OF HIS CATHEDRAL AND
ITS ORGANIZATION,
ARE INSCRIBED
WITH EVERY SENTIMENT OF DUTIFUL
RESPECT AND AFFECTION.

P R E F A C E.

When organizing his Cathedral Chapter in Nebraska, Bishop Clarkson called upon the writer of this little book for help. In advocacy of the scheme which was presented to the council of the diocese for its adoption the undersigned wrote a report of a committee raised for considering the subject, going over it somewhat more fully and particularly than is common in such papers. This circumstance has led several Bishops from time to time, as they have had the organization of the Cathedral of their dioceses in contemplation, to advise with the writer. In this way he has been led to see a want of information on this subject, and that it is not readily accessible. In England many valuable and interesting books on the Cathedral have within this generation been published, and in our country a considerable number of papers in explanation and advocacy of the institution have been printed in periodicals and pamphlets. Every one who wishes to possess himself of the whole subject ought to read them all. But it certainly will be convenient that information on the subject should be collected within the thin covers of

this little book. This has led the writer to undertake the task of preparing it.

Having made this explanation, it may be right for him to state something of the way in which he has executed it. He has not indulged the least hesitancy in the freest use of what others have said. He has adopted their words when they have answered his purpose, and their great names seemed to add authority to their opinions; and he has appropriated their views when for any reason, such as brevity, he could not quote their language. He wishes here in this general way to disclaim all originality or pretense of it. At the same time, when the conditions of our country and generation have come into view he has expressed his own opinion with reference to them.

Many matters which might well be given a place in a book on the subject have been passed over; others which might well be given a large place have been only touched upon. This has been necessary in the writer's view of the practical usefulness of the book. He has thought that next to such a book being written it was most desirable that it should be small. He hopes, however, that it may suggest to the interested reader more than is written out at length.

J. M. W.

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